

Utah Medicaid Provider Manual	Anesthesia Codes Associated with CPT Codes Which Require Prior Authorization
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American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Codes Associated With CPT Surgical Codes Which May Require Prior Authorization

Anesthesiologists are **NOT** required to request prior authorization. The surgeon must obtain prior authorization when required for procedures identified in the Medical and Surgical Procedure Code List included with the Utah Medicaid Provider Manual for Physician Services.

The anesthesiologist is **required** to enter the prior authorization number obtained by the surgeon for the CPT code when billing an ASA code related to a CPT procedure for a hysterectomy, sterilization or abortion. The ASA procedure codes listed below are associated with surgical codes that may require prior authorization by Medicaid. If federal requirements for obtaining prior authorization for a hysterectomy, sterilization or abortion are not met, Medicaid cannot reimburse either the physician or the anesthesiologist.

Exceptions (to the requirement that the surgeon obtain Prior Authorization **before** the procedure is performed) can be considered **ONLY** under one of the following circumstances:

1. The procedure was performed in a life-threatening or justifiable emergency situation.
2. Medicaid is responsible for the delay in prior authorization.
3. The patient is retroactively eligible for Medicaid.

Retroactive authorization for services related to these exceptions may be granted "after-the-fact" with appropriate documentation and review. If approved, the associated ASA code may also be reimbursed.

For additional information about the prior authorization process, refer to the Utah Medicaid Provider Manual, SECTION I, or contact Medicaid Information.

ASA Codes Associated with CPT Codes That May Require Prior Authorization

00402 Anesthesia for reconstructive breast procedures (reduction, augmentation, muscle flaps)	00926 Male, external genitalia; radical orchiectomy, inguinal
00580 Anesthesia for heart transplant or heart-lung transplant	00928 Anesthesia for inguinal orchiectomy
00796 Liver transplant (recipient)	00932 Anesthesia for complete amputation of penis
00840 Anesthesia for intraperitoneal procedures in lower abdomen (hysterectomy and sterilization)	00934 Anesthesia for radical amputation of penis with bilateral inguinal lymphadenectomy
00846 Anesthesia for radical hysterectomy	00936 Anesthesia for radical amputation of penis with bilateral inguinal and iliac lymphadenectomy
00848 Anesthesia for pelvic exenteration	00940 Anesthesia for abortion procedures
00855 Anesthesia for cesarean hysterectomy	00944 Anesthesia for vaginal hysterectomy
00922 Anesthesia for seminal vesicles	00952 Anesthesia for hysteroscopy